

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 2, 2006, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 33-35, 37-42, and 73-74 are currently pending in the application of which claims 33 and 73-74 are independent claims. Claims 33-35, 37-42, and 73-74 are respectfully submitted for consideration in view of the following remarks.


The Office Action indicated that the subject matter of claim 36 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The subject matter of claim 36 has been incorporated into claims 33 and 73-74. Claims 34-35 and 37-42 depend from claim 33. It is, therefore, respectfully submitted that all of claims 33-35, 37-42, and 73-74.

It is respectfully submitted that the various rejections of claims 33-35, 37-38, and 42 are moot in view of the amendment to claim 33. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn, that all of claims 33-35, 37-42, and 73-74 be allowed, and that this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,


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